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Applicant : Francisco Faoro
Application No. : 10/823,031
Filed : April 13, 2004
Title : AN APPARATUS FOR THE PREPARATION OF A FEMORAL
CONDYLE
Grp./Div. : 3738
Examiner : To be assigned
Docket No. : 52353/TJD/M881

Confirmation No.3384

PETITION TO ADD INVENTOR UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)

Commissioner for Patents
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Post Office Box 7068
Pasadena, CA 91109-7068
June 13, 2006

Commissioner:

Applicant respectfully petitions for correction of inventorship in the above-identified patent application by adding Tom Overes as a joint inventor. Through error and without deceptive intent, the added inventor was omitted in the above-identified patent application.

This petition is accompanied by the Petition Fee as prescribed by 37 CFR 1.17(i).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by or to give effect to this paper to Deposit Account No.03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A copy of this letter is enclosed.**

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Respectfully submitted,
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CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE TO ADD INVENTOR UNDER 37 CFR 1.48(a)(5)

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October 18, 2005

Commissioner:

Zimmer GmbH, assignee of the Patent Application No. 10/823,031, filed on April 13, 2004, consents to add Tom Overes as an inventor in the above-identified patent application, as required by 37 CFR 1.48.

Zimmer GmbH, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by a change of name from Centerpulse Orthopedics Ltd. executed on June 28, 2004 and recorded at Reel 016525 and Frame 0343, by an initial assignment from the presently named inventor of the patent application and by assignment from the inventor to be added submitted concurrently herewith. The initial assignment was executed on July 7, 2004 and recorded at Reel 015663 and Frame 0415.

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this document on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these

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statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: October 18, 2005

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**STATEMENT OF NON-DECEPTIVE INTENT BY PERSON BEING ADDED BY PETITION TO
CHANGE INVENTORSHIP IN A PATENT
37 C.F.R. 1.48(a)(2)**

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Commissioner:

I, Tom Overes, who is being added as an inventor by the petition being submitted to correct the inventorship of this patent, do hereby declare that the inventorship error in failing to include my name as an inventor on this patent occurred without any deceptive intention on my part.

Date 17.10.05

By


Tom Overes

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